

High Grade Steel Gaffs

Descriptive Catalogue
and Price List

Number 18

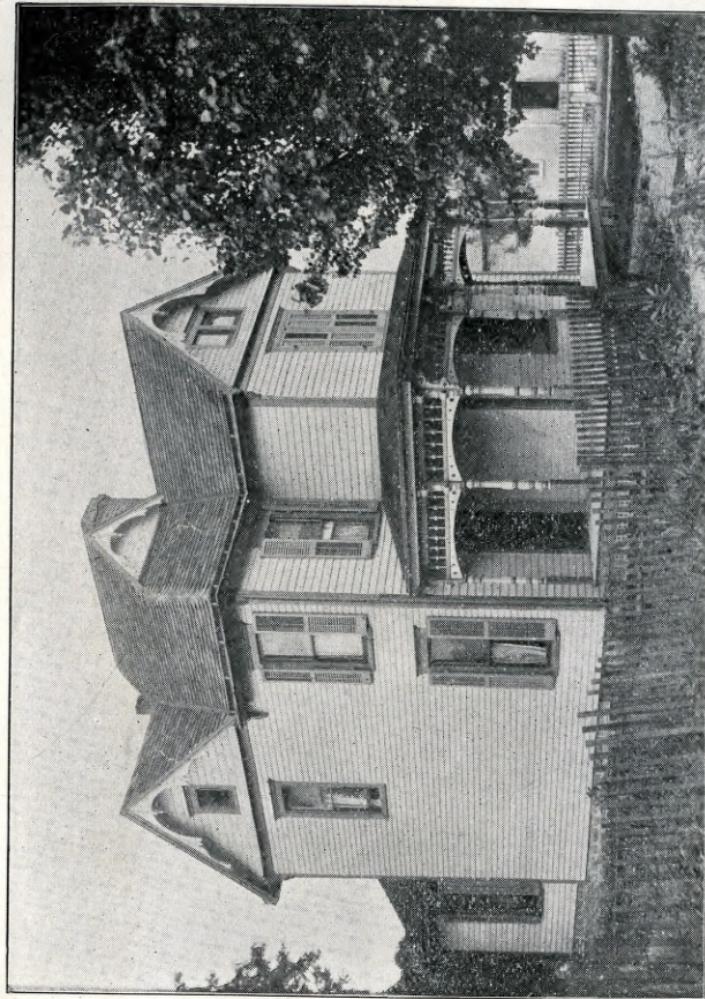


Hand Made by

W. C. Gregory

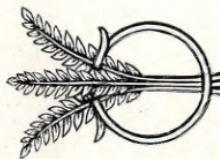
Wilmington, Ohio





MY HOME ON N. SPRING STREET, WILMINGTON, OHIO.

Wilmington is situated 50 miles north of Cincinnati and 60 miles south of Columbus, on the B. & O. and C. & M. V. Railways.







TO THE FRATERNITY

N offering this, my 18th Catalogue to the fraternity, I do so with the utmost confidence in my ability to produce work that will not only please my patrons in every respect, but also prove to be the means of advancing the reputation of my Gaffs in every locality in which they are used.

The manufacture of Steel Gaffs has resolved itself into a business that requires the sharpest kind of attention to keep abreast of the popular demand for up-to-date Heels—Heels that will win the major part of the money. Old ideas and old methods have been superseded by better ones although there are undoubtedly Gaff makers at the present time who still resort to the alcohol flame for tempering

My SPECIAL concave flange, the hollow of which fits perfectly to the leg of the cock, has proven a most popular feature.

While there are no patented ideas or secrets about the manufacture of Steel Gaffs the amateur cocker could very easily be led to believe, from the claims of certain egotistical people, that there really existed a particular SET or other feather that was unknown to, or could not be legally copied or imitated by other makers. Such claims are usually accompanied by wild guarantees which really mean nothing and which are not made good in case of broken or bent Gaffs. In the purchase of Gaffs as with any other commodity it is the natural desire to get the best the market affords, for the least money, and especially where a man buys several pairs of Gaffs, as many of my patrons have, they can hardly feel justified in paying half as much again or double what they are worth.

In quoting prices on the individual patterns shown in this Catalogue I have endeavored to keep within the bounds of reason. However, the prices named are for the very highest class of work, which would be no better if I charged twice as much. SPECIAL Gaffs with odd shaped flanges or sockets can be supplied, but as new dies are necessary which I would never be likely to use again, I am obliged to make prices on such orders a matter of correspondence.

I will greatly appreciate the favor if these SPECIAL Orders can be placed during the summer or fall, as during the busy season I am always rushed to the utmost, and cannot give such work the prompt attention that I should like.

I would also ask my patrons to thoroughly satisfy themselves as to the style Gaff they want before ordering, for while it is my endeavor to please every purchaser in every respect, I cannot in justice to myself make exchanges.

My Gaffs are made of one solid piece of steel, no soldering or brazing, and the steel is the best procurable. Sockets on all Drops will be 7-16 long, Regulations and Half Drops will be from 7-16 to 9-16 long with 7-16 hole. Every pair will be leathered with the best leather for the purpose, and ready to tie on.

I will warrant every new pair neither to bend or break in battle for six months.

My long experience in this work has brought me in touch with nearly all of the professionals, and it is highly gratifying to me to know that my work has given them entire satisfaction. When you have described your wants, I believe that I can fill your order in every detail as to set, shape, weight, etc., etc.

Old Spurs reset and tempered, polished and leathered for about \$1, owing to the work on them, but no guarantee goes with repair work. I only warrant my own work.

Orders usually filled in from 2 to 6 days. Please give me plenty of time, however, especially in December, January, February and March.

Write your name and address plainly. I have received orders with name signed but address omitted. In such cases I cannot be prompt.

Carefully describe what you want—give number, length and directions as to height of point and side set. Length of blade is often omitted in orders.

Would say to parties desiring first-class Game Fowls, I can generally furnish same in limited numbers, and do not care to exchange Gaffs for either fowls or eggs.

How To SEND MONEY—Send money by P. O. Money Order, Express Money Order or Registered Letter. Goods shipped C. O. D. only when \$1.00 is advanced to insure express charges, but this makes an unnecessary expense to the buyer, as it costs as much to return the money as to get the goods. I mail Gaffs in good boxes and they are rarely lost. If lost they can easily be traced.

Repair Work

There is no Spur maker who likes to do repair work—not because it is "hard work and poor pay," but because it is hardly ever satisfactory. No one can temper a finished Spur as well as before they are pointed. Then, Gaffs of various makes are sent to me to reset, straighten up and temper. There is no way of knowing what kind of steel they are made of, as different grades of steel all have to be treated differently. While I will do my very best on such work, my best advice is DON'T depend too much on repaired Gaffs.

Exchanges

For various reasons cockers often find that old Gaffs which they have are not adapted to their requirements, hence they wish to make an exchange for new ones. As I offer for sale none but NEW ONES of my own manufacture, it is impossible for me to use any second-hand Gaffs and in consequence would ask to be excused from any sort of a proposition involving a trade.

Rush Orders

During the year I have made and sold over 400 pairs of Gaffs, some of my orders coming from the remote corners of the earth. Through the busy season a week never passes that I fail to get one or more "hurry orders." To avoid disappointment do not wait until the LAST MINUTE before forwarding your order but anticipate your needs sufficiently to allow your order to reach you by the required time, even though there may be several orders ahead of it, as all orders are filled in their turn.

Ornamental Work

There is nothing more pleasing to the eye of a cocker than a finely finished pair of Gaffs. If the Gaff maker is fully equipped to take care of all branches of his work he can easily work out upon the socket numerous fancy designs which really add to the beauty and finish. The Milled Edge is a common and popular finish easily put on. In addition to this I am prepared to put on Fancy Scrolls, Initials, etc. There is no special skill required to do this work, only to be fixed for it, it's a part of the business. All Heels in this Catalogue are priced with plain finish, that is, a ring or line cut around the edge of socket. Milled Edge, Initials or Scrolls will cost you 50 cents more.

Light Gaffs

Is the minimum weight desirable? There is a difference of opinion among cockers as to the weight of blade that the ideal Gaff should have. Some demand the lightest blade possible in their desired length, even going so far as to command the maker to disregard entirely his idea of a **SAFE** Gaff and forward Gaffs with no guarantee. A man is entitled to anything that he pays for, but I believe Gaffs of the above description are often ordered in the nature of an experiment and are rarely used after they have been tied on two or three cocks. The reason for this is obvious, for these very light blades admit of entirely too much spring when being pointed against the adversary's frame and much force is thereby lost. The most successful cockers of the country who contest mains for large stakes demand a blade heavy enough to be rigid. They must have an absolutely **SAFE** Heel, one that will not glance, and one that is stiff enough to break bones. Remember, I do not advise an **EXTRA HEAVY** Heel, simply want to warn you that a Heel can be too light. With a customer's pattern at hand and a well defined idea of what constitutes a safe Heel, I am prepared to furnish Gaffs that for safety, cutting qualities and excellence of workmanship, cannot be excelled at any price.

To The Amateur

There are a great many things the old cockers won't tell you—they know many things that I can't tell you, but I will try to give you some hints about Spurs that may be to your advantage. In some sections only $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch Regulations are used; in other sections, other lengths and styles are used. In Chicago $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch Heels are almost invariably used; in the South from 2 to 3 inch Heels are used.

I would say to the beginner, don't order Spurs too long. I think $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch long enough for any cock to use. There are not near so many Long Heels ordered now as there were 10 years ago. A Regulation style is better in lengths from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ —Cincinnati from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ —Half Drop from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ —Full Drop from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches. I would prefer a short blade without much side set, that is not made rights and lefts.

If you don't know just what you want and will leave it to me, I will do my best to send you a good cutter, such as would please Mr. Grist, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Means and others. It is to my interest to send you good Gaffs, better if possible than you can get elsewhere. If you feel uncertain about whether I would treat you right or not, read over some of my testimonials and remember that such gentlemen would not have sent them to me if they did not know that I can and will do all I claim in this Catalogue.

Free To Patrons

To all persons ordering Gaffs I will send FREE of charge a set of complete and valuable rules in concise sheet form for Conditioning and Heeling Cocks for Battle. These rules embody an up-to-date method of preparing cocks for battle, and give a clear idea of the art of Heeling. The author of these rules has used them most successfully, and since I have sent them out in printed form I have heard none but words of praise for their practical worth.

The Machinery I Use

While my Gaffs are strictly hand made I have to use some machinery. All Gaff makers have to have a drill press, emery wheels, etc., and no shop is complete without a lathe. I have a small gasolene engine, a good power drill-press, emery wheels, polishing wheels, lathe, forge, etc. What machines I have are as good as I could buy—true and accurate, and do their part of the work right, but most of the work is done at the bench.



HUNDREDS OF TESTIMONIALS

I have hundreds of testimonials. If I were to print them all I could have a very large Catalogue. The few that I print are from a good source. I invite you to write to any of them and see if they are not genuine.

Notes to Remember

I get all kinds of letters asking all kinds of questions. It would be impossible to get up a Catalogue answering them all. Read these NOTES carefully and probably it will save you time and stamps.

NO REDUCTION IN PRICE—I have put my prices down so low that I cannot make any reduction if two or more pairs are taken at once, but I will promise whatever number you buy, YOU WILL GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.

SEND THE PATTERN—I don't keep the SET of every pair I make, it takes too much time. If you want a pair made like some others I have made, don't expect me to remember just how they are set, but send me the pattern.

HOW TO ORDER—In ordering give number of Catalogue and number of Gaff wanted. Don't tear out a leaf and send me; keep the Catalogue, you will need it again. State what length of socket, length of blade, whether well curved or not; if side set is desired, how much.

MATING ODD SPURS—I often receive inquiries like this: "I have an odd Spur, what will you charge me to mate it?" Not knowing what kind of Spur it is I cannot say what it would be worth until I see it. To all I would say, send the spur with the inquiry and I will give you a price that will be reasonable.

GIVE ME ALL THE TIME YOU CAN—While I aim to be prompt and fill orders as soon as I possibly can, there are times when I get way behind. Sometimes there will be several days without an order, then there may half a dozen or more come at once. Give me all the time you can, and don't get uneasy if a week should pass without hearing from me.

LEATHERS RIVITED ON—Anyone that prefers leathers rivited on will please mention it in their order. It makes a good and nice job, smooth inside of socket, but some would have trouble in releathering them.

MENTION HOW CHICKENS FIGHT—A shuffling cock will do most damage with a blade well curved, while a sparring cock is more dangerous with a straight blade. So it will be best to give me an idea how they fight. Cocks rarely shuffle without a bill hold and when they are fought at night they are not likely to spar as long as in daylight.

RESET OR RETEMPERED HEELS NOT WARRANTED—I would suggest that you be entirely satisfied as to what you want before ordering and to never have a Heel reset or retempered, for no man can temper a finished Heel as well as before they are pointed. It is an easy way to make a dollar but is hardly ever satisfactory. So hereafter, anyone that wants such work done, I will do my best for them but will not warrant them to stand.

THE TESTIMONIALS in this Catalogue are from the most successful cockers in this country—men that make it a business and should KNOW what they are talking about.



Cleveland, Ohio, April 14, 1903

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir;—The last pair of 1 1-4 Heels I got of you were (like all you have made for me) A 1 in every respect. We used them against Perrott, an old cocker, and won the first five fights in the main. Have also used your Drop Socket Heels against Pennsylvania parties and have won the majority of fights with them.

Yours truly,

E. A. BROWN, 300 Ansel Ave.

Long and Short Heels

A great many cockers, and especially amateurs, possess the somewhat erroneous impression that the Spur maker is a storehouse of knowledge regarding all that pertains to the heeling of cocks—a sort of bureau of information, as it were, from whom all the intricacies of cocking, the heeling of cocks and the manifold questions of the lengths, styles and sets of Heels, definite and accurate information should be forthcoming on the shortest notice and without the slightest hesitancy. There are in truth no grounds for such impression as the Spur maker learns first of all that there is great diversity of opinion regarding all these matters, and that if he is to ply his trade successfully he must be ready to cater to the wishes of his patrons, and to furnish thefraternity the styles and lengths of Heels occasion demands, according to the tastes and notions (peculiar or otherwise) of his customers. Many of the questions alluded to have long been mooted ones and, so long as there are many men of many minds, probably always will be. I will therefore not attempt in this Catalogue to "settle" any of these matters.

As regards the length of Spurs certain cocks should wear I will simply give certain general rules that are fast gaining ground among intelligent cockers of experience and with which my own personal experience prompts me to agree. These rules are: 1st—that slow cocks should never fight in Long Heels, no matter what their style of battle; 2nd—that shuffling or body-fighters should be armed with Long Heels, while the head-hitting cock should be fought in short ones. In the head a $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch Heel will kill as quickly as one 3 inches long, but in the body (except in certain spots) the Short Heel is not nearly so fatal as the long. The reasons are obvious. To prove the correctness of this theory don't be guided by one battle, but by a series of battles, using for experiment's sake the extremes of the two kinds of cocks mentioned, that is, pronounced shufflers on the one hand and strictly head-hitters on the other. As to cocks exhibiting a variety of styles of fighting the cocker must be governed by his own judgment.

I quote from Mr. F. H. Graves, Viroqua, Wis., as good an authority on this subject as I know of. He says in part:

"During an experience of over twenty-five years fighting cocks and watching them in battle I have noticed that as a rule the shuffling cock does best in Long Heels, and the real head-hitting kind are most successful in Short Heels. There may be exceptions but they are few. Match a body-hitting shuffling cock against a head-hitter in Long Heels the former wins, in 1 1-4 Heels the head-hitter wins. Allow for chance, and you can lay it down as a rule that body blows are most fatal when Heels are long. In Short Heels the shuffling cock waists his strength at his antagonist's body but does not bring him down, while a blow through his own head ends the battle. A strain of shuffling cocks I know are almost invincible in Long Heels—a grand rush, a desperate rough-and-tumble assault, a series of terrific shuffles and the other cock is dead or mortally wounded; but in Short Heels the same cocks are not able to win when matched against a strong head-hitter. They were bred for Long Heels and for Long Heels ONLY."

Regulation Gaffs



NO. 1

NEW YORK REGULATION, a very light Heel, socket 3-8 long with 7-16 hole, used mostly in 1 1-4 length. PRICE \$4.00



NO. 2

A REGULATION, string pin above and below socket 7-16 long, 7-16 hole, polished inside and out, leathered complete. PRICE \$4.00



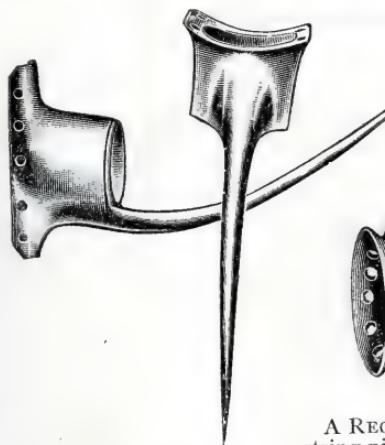
NO. 3

This is JOHN MACKIN'S CHOICE, 7-16 hole, socket 7-16 long, a nice Gaff of Regulation pattern. PRICE \$5.00



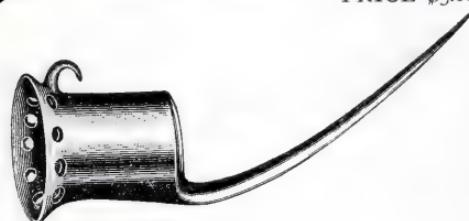
NO. 4

Same as No. 3 except socket is 9-16 long, made any length blade. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 5

A REGULATION Heel, socket 7-16 long, 7-16 hole, hollowed out to fit the leg, easy tied on and stays in place, made from 1 1-4 inch to any length. Leathered all complete. PRICE \$5.00



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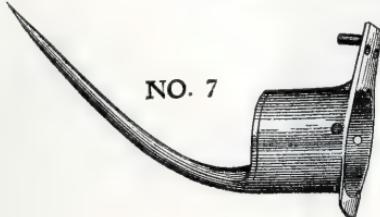
A REGULATION, socket 5-8 long, with or without string pins, 7-16 hole. PRICE \$5.00



A "NEW YORK REGULATION"

must have a socket only 3-8 of an inch long. In some sections of the East this style is used entirely. Any of my patterns of Regulations with sockets cut to 3-8 of an inch in length are fair New York Regulations. In some sections any length sockets are allowed, and a socket 9-16 long with a 7-16 hole is most popular.

REGULATIONS (Continued)



NO. 7

REGULATION—This is one of the lightest Gaffs made. It is flat at base of socket and has a string pin that holds the string from slipping. All leathered complete.

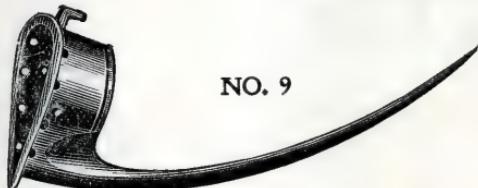
PRICE \$4.00

Here is my FAVORITE pattern, socket 7-16 to 9-16 long, base is hollowed out to fit the leg, easy to tie on and stays in place. You can't tie it on wrong. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 8

Half Drop Gaffs



NO. 9

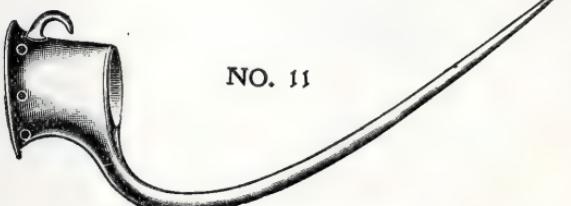
HALF DROP—A nice pattern and good cutter. All complete
PRICE \$5.00

HALF DROP—This pair of Half Drops were made for and now owned by Geo. W. Means of Concord, N. C., (the Red Cuban Man). They are 2 inches long. This Heel is fine to use on stags, as they could be heeled if there were no natural heel at all. This is an extra fine pattern, leathered and all complete.

PRICE \$5.00



NO. 10



NO. 11

HALF DROP, with round base and string pin. This heel can be twisted on leg to throw the point in or out, usually made from 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, leathered ready to tie on.

PRICE \$5.00



W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

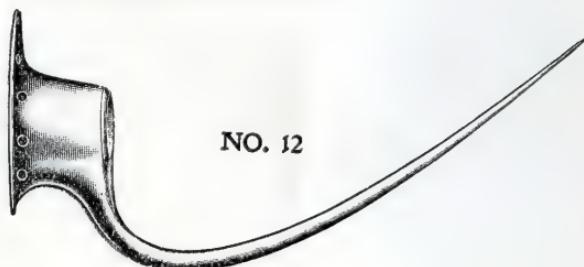
Dear Sir:—During the last twenty years I have had experience with Gaffs of all the prominent makers, and have found none superior to yours in any particular.

Chicago, Jan. 18, '04.

D. G. BROWN.

HALF DROPS (Continued)

HALF DROP, similar to No. 11 except has a flange extending up the leg. Complete. PRICE \$5.00

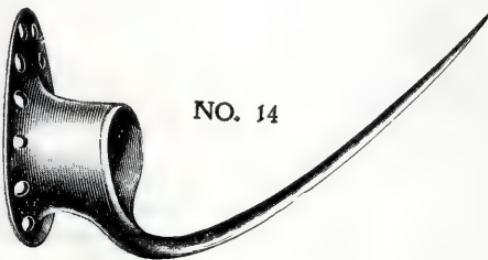


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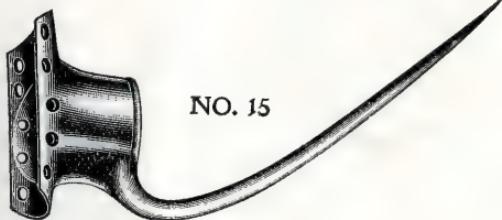
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HALF DROP, socket 7-16 long, 7-16 hole, flat on base, made any length blade. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 14

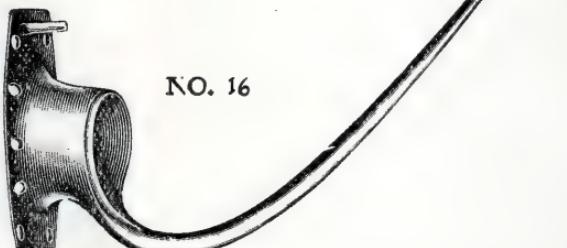
HALF DROP, similar to No. 13, flat on base, well made in every way. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 15

HALF DROP, hollowed out to fit the leg, well made in every particular, a splendid pattern, any length. PRICE \$5.00

HALF DROP, a very old pattern, flat at base, socket 7-16 long 7-16 hole, rim extends above and below. Some people want them and I have to make them but they are not "in it" with those that are hollowed out to fit the leg. Made any length desired. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 16

Drop Socket Gaffs

of the more or less extreme patterns have long been popular with cockers prefering Long Heel fighting. In case of the Full Drops where we find the largest amount of actual blade area it is a matter of no little importance to have the weight distributed properly. You often hear the remark that "some cocks could cut with any kind of a Gaff tied to them," but from the shape of the Full Drops that I have been asked to repair and mate, it is indeed difficult to figure how they could possibly do much execution. There are numerous features about the manufacture of Drop Socket Gaffs which I have given particular attention, and I have no hesitancy in claiming for my Drops all of the requisites of an ideal Gaff.

NO. 17



DROP SOCKET, flat on base, flange extends well up the leg, good in from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, leathered complete. PRICE \$5.00

(I got this cut from Mr. Helwig.)



NO. 18

DROP SOCKET—Similar to No. 17, made in from $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches up. PRICE \$5.00

This cut was made merely to show RIGHT and LEFT and not as a correct set. I have often had Gaffs sent to me asking if they were for the right or left leg to decide a bet, so I decided to show them here.



W. C. GREGORY.

Dear Sir:—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ Drop Sockets I got from you are first-class Gaffs in every particular. They won 9 out of 11 last fights used in. I will send order for another pair before next season opens.

Wylie, Texas, June 6, 1903.

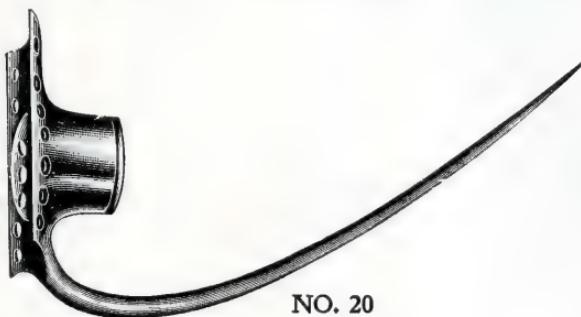
Yours truly,
A. M. WATKINS.



Left—**NO. 19**—Right

Improved Socket and Flange

The following cuts show my Improved Socket and Flange used on Drop Sockets. It is hollowed out to fit down on the leg and has considerable surface below the Spur where all the pressure comes on the leg. This Gaff is easy to tie on and stays in place.



NO. 21

My IMPROVED
DROP, made any
length blade desired.
Complete for \$5.00



NO. 22

Similar to
No. 21 but
showing dif-
ferent set,
leathered
ready to tie
on.
PRICE \$5.00



Occasionally it happens in a cock fight that one of the cocks will show to considerable advantage so far as action is concerned but in reality is striking low or short and finally loses. In cases of this kind it is very often the tendency to criticise the cutting qualities of the Heels worn by the loser. This is manifestly unfair for in all probability the cock could not have cut with any style Gaff.

NO. 24
\$5.00



NO. 23
\$5.00



NO. 25

Here they are as you get them ready to tie on. A signed guarantee goes with each pair. They are as light, well finished and set as any Gaff on the market.

PRICE \$5.00

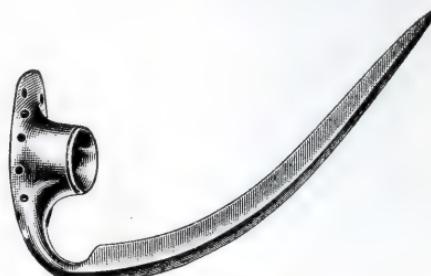


Slashers

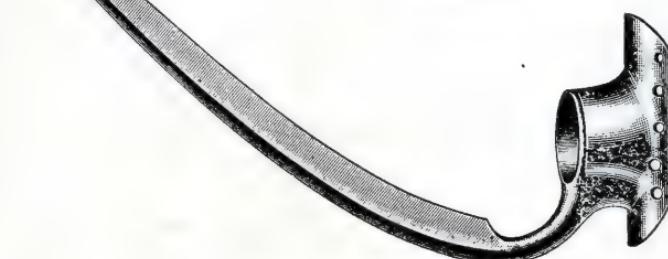
A SLASHER made with a good socket such as I show on this page is a great improvement over the old style Mexican Slasher. One is a Full Back Drop and the other a Front Drop, made with any length of blade, and curve or side set, well polished and sharpened to a razor edge.

PRICE \$3.50 EACH

NO. 26



NO. 27



NO. 28

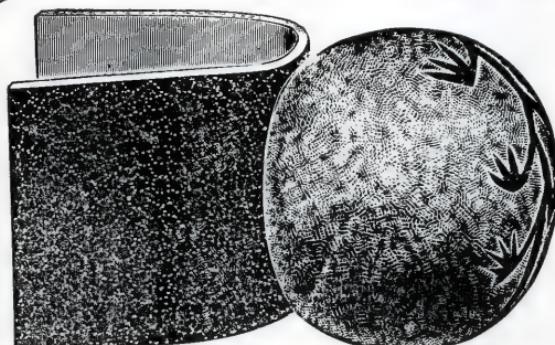
CINCINNATI—Some people like this pattern but I don't recommend them because they are so narrow where all the pressure comes on the leg. Socket 7-16 long, 3-8 to 7-16 hole.

PRICE \$5.00

SPARRING MUFFS

The Muff is made of chamois skin and stuffed with wool. It is leathered like a gaff so it can be fastened on firmly. These Muffs are made to last and are giving satisfaction.

Price per Set of Four \$1



Heels With Curved Blades

During the past year I have been making a number of Heels with blades curved like the following four cuts. They have given great satisfaction when used on shuffling fowls. Here is what John Mackin says in Derby Game Bird:—"In regard to heeling, I will say I have followed the game for thirty years and never saw better cutting than the cocks did that were shown by Brown and McWhorter in their main. They used a very peculiar set Gaff, made by W. C. Gregory of Wilmington, Ohio. They are almost a half circle which gives them a bow bend and it seems they were in every time the cock struck at his opponent whether the opponent was up or down." Wherever I send these Heels I get orders for more. However, I would not recommend them for sparring cocks. I believe every cocker to be successful should have two pairs of each style and length—one pair with curved blades for shufflers and a pair with straighter blades for sparring cocks.



NO. 29

1 1-2 REGULATION or any other length desired. In some of the strict sections of the east this pattern would not be considered a fair Heel.

PRICE \$5.00



NO. 30

REGULATION style, but shown in 2 inch length with curved blade. PRICE \$5.00



NO. 31

HALF DROP, 1 1-2 inch, curved blade.

PRICE \$5.00



Independence, Iowa, Feb. 12, '04

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Friend:—Heels received and must say they are perfect in every way. Those are the kind I like to gamble on. Yours respectfully,
GEO. HATHAWAY.

CURVED BLADES (Continued)



NO. 32

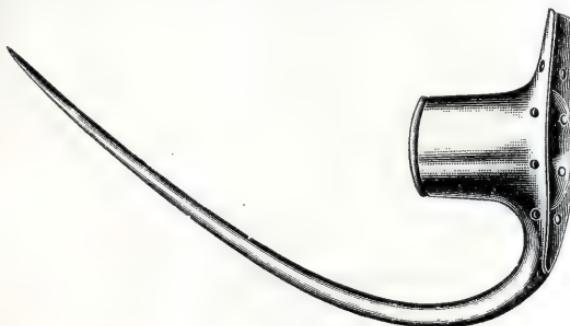
HALF DROP, 2 inch
curved blade.

PRICE \$5.00

These styles can be made in any desired length. The sockets are 9-16 long, 7-16 hole, hollowed out to fit the leg, easy to tie on and stay in place.

"Freak" Patterns

For the past ten years I have been making a few "Freak" Patterns which I now show in Catalogue for the first time. They are the three following cuts: Nos. 33, 34 and 35.



NO. 33

A DROP SOCKET,
slightly hollowed out
on base of flange,
well worked out in-
side so it will set firm
on the leg, socket
about 7-8 of an inch
long, any length blade
PRICE \$6.00

NO. 34

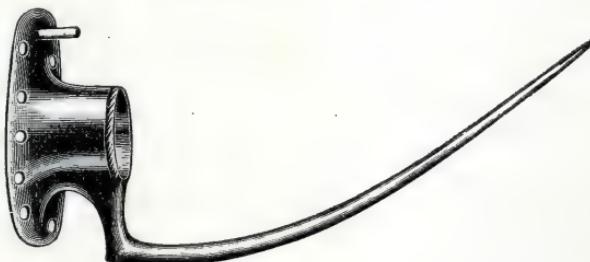
A HALF DROP,
base hollowed out
to fit the leg, the
drop is nearly
straight down from
front of socket,
made any desired
length or set of
blade.

PRICE \$6.00



NO. 35

HALF DROP,
similar to No. 34
except base of
socket is perfectly
flat, point can be
set IN or OUT as
you please by
twisting it on the
leg, any length or
set. PRICE \$6.00



Ornamental Gaffs



NO. 36

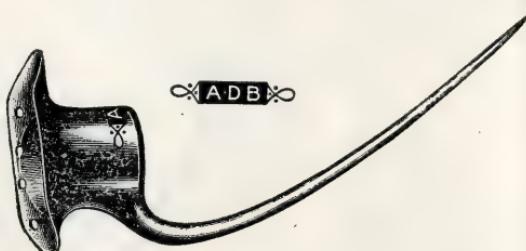
A DROP SOCKET, the flange or base is slightly hollowed out, the hole is well worked out so it will fit down on the leg. Made in any length or set desired.
PRICE \$5.00. Milled Edge, Initials or Scroll, 50c extra.



NO. 37

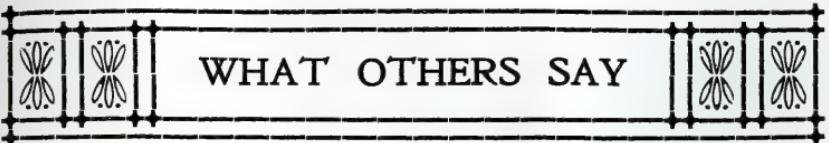
A REGULATION pattern showing a Scroll finish. Instead of the "O" in the center I can put any initial letter desired. This blade is set right for a sparring cock. Made any length or set.

PRICE plain, \$5.00. With Scroll and Initial Letter \$5.50.



NO. 38

A HALF DROP showing the way I put on the Initials. This is not easily put on a very short socket. This is a popular pattern in lengths of 1 1-2 to 2 1-4 inches.
PRICE \$5.00. With Initials \$5.50.



WHAT OTHERS SAY

New Madison, Ohio, Dec. 9, '04.

FRIEND GREGORY:—Well the cock and 5 pullets came to hand all O. K., and I must tell you that myself and brother are more than pleased with them. They look to me like the real thing and if I don't miss my guess they are a tough proposition to put down and out. That cock just suits me the way he steps about—is very quick, has the proper action for a winner and in shape and make up there is no superior to him in my judgment, and all I can say is that we are more than pleased with them.

Yours truly,
E. O. MAY.

Nat. Soldiers' Home, Va., July 15, '04

MR. W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—The Gaffs arrived and are what I desire. Thanks for promptness. This is what I say about your Gaffs: The workmanship is superlative, the finish extremely artistic and the superiority in cutting qualities is attributed to the finely adjusted set. A cock heeled with your Gaffs that fails to cut his adversary is out of place in the pit, should be on a weather vane.

Yours truly,
H. C. BENSEMAN.

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 10, 1904.

MR. W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I received the Gaffs all O. K., and used them Thanksgiving day on both large and small cocks and they proved to be good cutters and will say I am well pleased with them and will remember you in the future. Please send me a new Catalogue.

Yours resp.,
CHAS. BISE.

Chicago Heights, Ill., June 6, 1903.

FRIEND GREGORY—The Heels came in due time and I baptised them in the presence of my friends and over 100 witnesses. They worked pretty fair. I fought 14 battles (including main) and won 12, lost 2. 13 of them did not last ten minutes each; one lasted 30 minutes. D. H. Pierce was referee and he said he never saw better fighting or cutting. Mr. Reed, my opponent, only won 1 battle off me out of 10 and that was a fluke as I had him licked, but his bird made a dying kick and broke my bird's neck killing him instantly. Now Greg. you may bet I will write you a good and true testimonial for no man has ever out cut me and I have never used any Heels but yours in my life and never will as long as they are as good as they are. John Mackin sent down one of his world beaters to lick me the 10th battle and he and Kerwin bet my crowd over \$400 on this battle, but his bird went in the dead pile in 6 minutes along with his other 8. Mr. Reed's birds fought as hard and as good as mine, but I out cut him, that was the whole secret. Out of the 12 birds I killed I uncoupled 10 of them. The boys around here all call me the back breaker for I am hard to uncouple them. Well, we cleaned up a little over \$1100 anyway. I'll have some more orders for Heels for you soon. You will see account of main in Derby.

Ever your friend,
FILL FISLER.

Elmora, Pa., April 13, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I received the Heels and have tried them and am well pleased with them.

Yours truly,

GEO. W. HARRIS, Box 44.

Ghent, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Four years ago I bought a pair 1½ Gaffs of you and have used them exclusively in all my fights since then and have been unusually lucky winning over ninety-five per cent of battles. What is your price for repointing, polishing and releathering Heels? Yours truly,

E. J. VAN VALKENBURG.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 17, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Your favor of Aug. 11 and Gaffs arrived safely the 14th. The change you made in my order is perfectly satisfactory in every way, as it was my intention that you use your judgment as to the most suitable Gaff for an amateur. They are certainly very perfect appearing Gaffs and I shall use them as you suggest. I do not intend to make use of them until cold weather as it would be an injustice to a cock to ask him to fight during this season of the year. I merely ordered now in compliance with the request expressed in your catalogue to "order during the dull season." With thanks for your promptness and the interest taken, I am

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. McCABE.

Union City, Pa., June 22, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I have used the old Heels you sent me with good success since 1899. They have been through everything and still have their shape. You will find stamp enclosed for Catalogue. Yours truly,

ERNEST L. YOUNG.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 26, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I received my pair of Gaffs as a premium and was more than pleased with the same. I take this opportunity in thanking you. I did not really expect to receive such a well made pair of Gaffs. I will say that any time I need a pair or any of my friends you'll surely hear from us. You couldn't have picked a better pair according to my idea. Thanking you again I remain,

Yours truly,

CHAS. F. WEBER, R. R. No. 4.

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 3, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Heels received and am more than pleased with them. For set and finish they can't be beaten. It takes a mechanic to put out Heels such as these. You will hear from me again with an order. Many thanks for filling the order so quickly.

Yours truly,

E. E. BAILEY.

Lawrence, Texas, Dec. 19, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio,

Dear Sir—We have received Gaffs, and we are well pleased with them. I like them better than any we have ever used, and I have had success with them. Should I need any more, I will patronize you again.

Yours truly,

P. C. STUART.

Chicago, Feb. 13, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—The Gaffs arrived this afternoon in good condition, and the work is satisfactory in every way. Enclosed find check to balance account, and wish to thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Fraternally yours,

J. MACKIN.

Williamsport, Pa., May 1, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I received the Gaffs all O. K., and am well pleased with your work. The new Gaffs are a very fine pair, and wouldn't want any better. The socket is something fine.

Yours truly,

JAMES WALSH.

Edinburgh, July 11, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I have tested your spurs and find them right. I will send you another order. Will send you exact length of Gaff next time. Will you kindly send me one of your small books on conditioning birds for battle. If you have not one, will you kindly see that I get one, and I will settle by return mail.

Yours truly,

F. R. GRAHAM-YOOLL.

West Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I am sorry to say that I have overlooked acknowledging the receipt of the Gaffs that you sent me. Please excuse me this time, for I appreciate the prompt delivery you made for me, and I will always know where to go when I want to get the best Gaff on the market. I had good luck with the Gaffs and cocks together, for they have won every time they were tied on.

I am very truly yours,

O. G. BRIGHT.

Sumpter, S. C., May 11, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Esq., Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I gave the 2½ fine Drop Gaffs bought of you a thorough test and find them extra good cutters—superior to some I paid double the price for. If a cock will use his legs at all, your heels will cut, and with a shuffling cock and your Gaffs, I can come very near winning. They are not only superior cutters, but show fine workmanship, being very light and yet most durable. Thanking you for your promptness, and assuring you of my appreciation, I beg to remain, Very truly,

JNO. T. REID

Covington, Ky., Nov. 13, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Am pleased to say that I received the Gaffs and am more than pleased to say that they are just what I want, you have made them all right.

Yours truly,
JOHN HETLICK.

Kittanning, Pa., Jan. 18, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I received the Gaffs in good time for the fight and am well pleased with them. I won 4 out of 6 with them. It wasn't the Heel's fault I didn't win all. A bird cannot help but cut with your Heels if he can fight at all. I have bought five pair of Heels of you and they all give satisfaction. I will give you another order before long for a pair of $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Yours truly,

D. A. DUFF, R. R. No. 1.

Owensboro, Ky., Aug. 24, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I have never acknowledged the receipt of those Gaffs I got in the spring, but would like to say that they have given perfect satisfaction, and are the best cock Heels I have. Please send me your latest Catalogue for which I enclose stamp.

Yours truly,
G. T. YEWELL, 1729 S. Frederica St.

Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 22, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Your pamphlet of Jan. 20th received today and it was gratefully received. I can say at present I am using a pair of your Heels that are very fine—the best cutters I have ever used. They are $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and I have never know them to hang, and they cut deep and vital. Thanking you for the pamphlet and hoping I may hear from you again in the future, I am,

Yours truly,
HUMES PATTON.

THEY ADVERTISE THEMSELVES.

Rockport, Ind., Feb. 2, 1904.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—Enclosed find stamp for your latest Circular. I saw Woolfork of Owensboro using a pair of your Heels if I am not mistaken, and if you remember what pattern they were please mark them in your Circular as I would like a pair just like them. Yours respectfully,

CHAS. BISE.

Hazlehurst, Georgia, July 10, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Esq., Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I want a pair of $2\frac{1}{2}$ Full Drop Socket Heels with a long flange of your old style. I want these Heels for small cocks only and would thank you to make them as light as possible to stand, in fact I will be responsible for the breakage. I want them of your best set with the right heel well out. I would like to say that I have found your Heels as good as the best. In appearance they are as neat as any man's and their cutting qualities cannot be improved upon. Last year I let a party have a pair of your Gaffs and on last Fourth of July met him in a stag main and was badly worsted.

Yours truly,

C. M. MAHONE.

Read What Col. F. E. Grist Says



Fort Gaines, Ga., June 30, 1903.

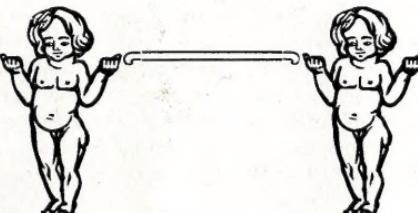
W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:—Perhaps I have tested your Gaffs as long as any customer you have, and I can still say what I wrote to you many years ago, after testing the first you sent me, "that I had never seen better cutters!" In having you duplicate my old favorite patterns for my customers, and in comparing a dozen blades at once, it was easy to see that your skill was of extraordinary type for you had not only made perfect duplicates of the originals, but had duplicated by the dozen. I have Gaffs of your make of such fine finish, such exquisite workmanship, as to excite inquiry from men who have handled Gaffs all their lives, as to the maker. I do not hesitate in showing, to say, "I think I can show you the finest workmanship on Gaffs you have ever seen." Not one of the hundreds who have examined them, have admitted that they had ever seen as fine. It is not on your workmanship that I would compliment you, for that is of small value compared to the other qualities your Gaffs possess.

Very few people know the importance of a tempered Gaff blade. Often large sums of money depend upon the strain that a blade can withstand. For years I believed this perfect tempering a lost art, and the few Gaffs that would not bend or break, an accident, but having thoroughly tested so many of yours through my customers, and in my own private tests, I am convinced that you possess this art, for I have never seen a pair break under any strain, or had a single complaint.

As to the cutting, it must be admitted that Gaffs that could win three mains, one after the other, (two of these without a single loss), and every fight heeled by the same man must have proper cutting shape. I shipped the Cocks and Gaffs that did this work, and will cheerfully give date and name of party who made this record.

F. E. GRIST.



Gregory Tassel Pit Fowls



A TASSEL PULLET

WAY back in the '80's Mr. D. A. Raiff of New Philadelphia, O., bought a brown red cock of a Mr. Truby for which he paid \$50.00. This cock only weighed about 5-8 but was a wonderful fighting cock. Mr. Raiff told me that on several occasions he had matched him for three fights in a main, when if he had lost the first, there would have been three battles against him. This cock was a sure cutter and had wonderful force and speed. He always won quick and usually without getting hurt. Mr. Raiff bought some hens from a gentleman in Massachusetts (a wealthy man that didn't want his name in print, but took a great interest in having the best Pit Games that could be had regardless of cost). These hens were a pretty brown of medium size. The cock and five hens cost Mr. Raiff \$100, and was according to his judgment, as good a breeding pen as he could buy.

About this time he moved to Coshocton, Ohio, to go into the manufacturing business, and not having room to raise many he sent me three settings of eggs. From them I raised several extra fine cocks, and one in particular, that I named "Raiff," was one of the best and surest cutting cocks that I ever saw. I put this cock with two pullets that I bought of Dan Roberts of Youngstown, Ohio. I never knew their breeding but both had tassels. This trio was the beginning of my strain. It was a lucky hit—cocks from this cross were very fast, careful, scientific fighters, would dodge and were quick to take advantage, and I feel safe in saying that there is no strain in the United States today that can show a greater per cent of winners, or a greater per cent of winners WITHOUT GETTING HURT. I have them now as large, as heavy boned, and with all the wonderful speed and good qualities of the first cross. In weight, they run from 5 to 6 lbs.—a weight that is easily matched—medium station, black and brown in color, willow legs. This is the first time I have ever offered them to the public for sale and now only in limited numbers. Will spare a few settings of Eggs at \$3 per 15. After Sept 1, STAGS \$3 to \$5; PULLETS \$2 to \$3, according to specimens.

